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SUBJECT: OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH REACTOR TRANS-
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REF: A) MEXICO 5778, B) STATE 77142

1. AGENCY HAS CONFIRMED TO MISSION THAT MEXICAN INTEN-
TION IN ITS LETTER OF FEBRUARY 21 TO AGENCY WAS TO
DECLINE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY OFFER TO PROVIDE RESEARCH
REACTOR TO NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF MEXICO
THROUGH IAEA. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION CONCURS WITH PARA 3
REF A THAT DR. WANG BE INFORMED AND OREGON STATE UNIVER-
SITY RELEASED FROM ITS COMMITMENT TO DONATE THIS REACTOR.

2. COMMENT: MISSION LEARNED THAT MEXICAN AMBASSADOR
VISITED AGENCY LATE LAST WEEK TO EXPRESS STRONG OBJECTIONS
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TO AGENCY'S MISINTERPRETATION OF HIS FEBRUARY 21 LETTER.
MISSION HAS OBTAINED ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THIS LETTER,
WHICH STATES, INTER ALIA, THAT "...I WISH TO INFORM YOU,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT,
THAT MEXICO REGRETS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS AGREEMENT
HAVE BROKEN DOWN AND THAT, AS A RESULT, IT HAS BEEN
NECESSARY TO DECLINE THIS GENEROUS OFFER OF A REACTOR.

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HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT THAT THE AGENCY SHOULD CONSIDER A COMPROMISE POSSIBLE IN THE LIGHT OF THE POSITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED, I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS READY TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS." AGENCY HAD ASSUMED THAT LATTER SENTENCE WAS INTENDED TO CONVEY MEXICO'S WILLINGNESS TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF THIS RESEARCH REACTOR. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING, ALTHOUGH AGENCY IS PUZZLED AS TO WHAT GOM HAD IN MIND IN STATING THAT IT WAS "READY TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS." END COMMENT.
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